

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 3/7/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 18-30, and 34-39, renumbered as 1-34.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-15, 18-30, and 34-39 are allowed as the prior art does not teach or suggest the applicant's invention. Independent claim 1 teaches a hard disk drive. The distinguishing elements of the claim are: a shock detection system that analyzes a signal indicative of a movement of at least a portion of the hard disk drive, determines whether the hard disk drive has experienced a shock event, and provides a shock event parameter based on the signal; and a shock event logger that records the shock event parameter by incrementing one of a plurality of bins based on the value of the shock event parameter provided by the shock detection system.

Independent claim 13 teaches a hard disk drive. The distinguishing elements of the claim are: wherein the shock detection system comprises a position error signal processor that analyzes the position error signal indicative of a position deviation of the transducer from a reference position and determines that a shock event has occurred when the position error signal exceeds a predetermined threshold value of approximately 32% of a track width; and wherein the shock event logger records the position error signal by incrementing one of a plurality of bins based on the value of the position error signal.

Independent claim 15 teaches a hard disk drive. The distinguishing elements of the claim are: wherein the shock event logger records position error signals corresponding to a plurality of shock events by incrementing one of a plurality of bins

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based on the value of the position error signal, the position error signal being recorded in a non-volatile memory.

Independent claim 18 teaches a hard disk drive. The distinguishing elements of the claim are: wherein the shock detection system comprises a position error signal processor that monitors an elapsed time taken for the position deviated transducer to return to and maintain a position within a reference window for a predetermined time, wherein the position error signal processor determines that a shock event occurred when the elapsed time exceeds a predetermined duration.

Independent claim 27 teaches a method of logging shock events in a hard disk drive. The distinguishing elements of the claim are: providing a shock event parameter based on the signal to the shock event logger; and incrementing one of a plurality of bins based on the value of the shock event parameter.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitchell R. Slavitt whose telephone number is (571) 272-7562. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00), 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R. Hudspeth can be reached on (571) 272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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